

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0069] with the following amended paragraph:

[0069] Bone-growth and cartilage-growth promoting chemical factors may also be added to the bone hole and/or to the implanted bone plug in order to promote rapid reconnection of the bone plug to the surrounding bone and articular cartilage. These bone-growth and cartilage-growth promoting chemical factors may include cartilage-derived colony-stimulating factor ("CDGF") (see U.S. Pat. No 5,376,636), various interleukins, colony-stimulating factor ("CSF"), osteopontin, platelet-derived growth factor ("PDGF"), and bone morphogenic protein ("BMP-1"). See also U.S. Pat. No. 5,3732,503, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the subject application as if set forth herein in full.